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# **Terminal Facilities and EIR Referral Issues Study Committee Airport Advisory Commission**

**Minutes for Meeting #15**

**November 18, 2004**

## **MEMBERS**

### **PRESENT**

Ron Salk  
Bob Luskin  
Bruce Alton  
Carol Soccio  
Don Temple  
Deborah Veady

## **MEMBERS**

### **ABSENT**

Alan Fox  
Bernhard Clever  
Douglas Haubert

## **STAFF**

### **PRESENT**

Chris Kunze  
Dottie Jones  
Sharon Diggs-Jackson  
Ken Ashmore  
Sileneka Smith

## **OTHERS**

### **PRESENT**

See Attached sign-in  
(Available on request)

## **Call to Order**

Chair Ron Salk called the Study Committee to order at 5:01 p.m., at the Airport Marriott Hotel.

## **Roll Call**

Chris Kunze called roll and certified that a quorum was present.

## **Minutes**

The minutes of October 21, 2004 were approved.

## **Approval of Agenda**

The agenda was approved as submitted.

Vice-Chair Salk opened the meeting stating that Chairman Fox was excused absent.

Vice-Chair Salk stated that the one item of business for the Study Committee meeting is to complete the third of three charges given to the Commission by the City Council. He stated that the first charge was completed in September 2004, to make a recommendation as to the sizing of the Airport Terminal Improvements Project, for EIR purposes, the second charge was to recommend the scope of EIR connected with the project, the third charge is to recommend further studies, separate and apart from those related to the Terminal Improvements Project, to the City Council. He stated that on October 21, 2004, the Commission took the following action;

1. Recommended to the City Council a Citywide retrospective human health risk assessment information compilation currently being undertaken by the Department of Health and Human Services.
2. Recommended that the City Council consider an Airport related human health risk assessment, as is being made available as part of the Douglas Park project.
3. Recommended that the City Council move forward with the Airport related residential real estate value analysis.

4. Recommended that the City Council move forward with an Airport economic impact analysis, currently being conducted.

Vice-Chair Salk stated that with the unanimously passed motion, there was a provision to attach additional language to the motion giving more information and direction for the City Council to consider. He stated that a committee comprised of Commissioner Alton, Chairman Fox, and Vice-Chair Salk were to compose the language and bring it before the whole Commission for approval. He stated that the motion from the meeting of October 21, 2004 would only become effective when the additional language memorandum was attached. The proposed text of that memorandum is as follows:

*Proposed text of defining memorandum  
in support of Study Committee Action  
of October 21, 2004*

*The Long Beach Airport Advisory Commission further recommends to the City Council, in addition to the substance of the previously described vote and accompanying recommendations, that a full, city-wide health risk assessment be performed separate and apart from and in addition to the human health risk assessment being recommended as part of the environmental impact report connected with the proposed terminal improvements. It is the Commission's belief, especially in light of the presentations, remarks, and community input provided to the Commission over the past eleven months, that a full, prospective, city-wide health risk assessment is needed and should be undertaken at the present time. Such assessment should include the cumulative environmental impact of the Port of Long Beach, adjacent freeways including the 710 freeway, the Airport, and local industry, among other components of the City, on the health of the City's residents, should indicate both city-wide and also local and district/neighborhood impacts where appropriate, and should give consideration to the results of the currently in-process collection of human health risk data by the City's Department of Health and Human Services.*

Vice-Chair Salk moved that the Commission adopt the language as written to accompany the motion of October 21, 2004. Commissioner Luskin seconded.

Commissioner Soccio stated that there is no language included that would establish a baseline.

Commissioner Veady asked if the meaning of the language "such an impact should include the cumulative environmental impact" means that they are not considering entities such as the ports, freeways, and the Airport. Vice-Chair Salk stated that to arrive at the cumulative impact it would be analyzing all the components.

Commissioner Alton stated that to get to cumulative, all of the environmental impacts that make that up would be studied separately. He stated that in the past, environmental impact assessments have been narrowed in a way that only pieces were analyzed, and not the whole puzzle. He stated that the proposed language is meant to address the complete puzzle. He stated that he would suggest that the language represents the Commission's desire to create a baseline.

Commissioner Temple stated that he would like a definition of health risk and what that will cover in the EIR. He stated that the Commission voted that the EIR would be held within the boundaries of the airport fence. Vice-Chair Salk concurred. Commissioner Temple asked how much in the EIR study will be done as part of the project health risk assessment.

Mr. Kunze stated that it would establish an airport area baseline. He stated that the thrust would be how the terminal project contributes to or impacts those baseline health risks

Commissioner Temple stated that he is concerned about definitions, and asked if the work was going to be done twice in the two studies? Mr. Kunze stated that the intent is that the health risk assessment would be more narrowly focused in the airport project EIR. He stated that there would be a new notice of preparation published to identify specifically the scope of the EIR study including the terminal facilities health risk assessment, and there will be an opportunity to review and comment when City Council allows staff to proceed. Mr. Kunze stated that the area wide human health risk assessment also being proposed by the Commission is more comprehensive.

Commissioner Temple noted that the language states "should indicate both citywide and also local and district neighborhood impacts where appropriate", and asked what those impacts would be? Mr. Kunze stated that the impacts would be determined as part of the City-wide human health risk study, and where impacts were localized, that also would be identified..

Mr. Michael Day, First Vice-President of the Teachers Association of Long Beach, submitted a position paper in opposition to the Airport Terminal improvements from Mr. Tony Diaz, President of the Teachers Association of Long Beach.

Mr. Mike Kowal, LBHUSH2, commented on the language of the motion.

Ms. Kristy Ardizzone commented on language referring to expansion and delays of the project.

Vice-Chair Salk called for a vote of the motion. The vote is as follows:

Ayes -	Veady, Luskin, Salk, Alton, Temple
No's -	Soccio

#### **Public Input**

None

#### **Commissioner's Comments**

None

The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Dottie Jones, Airport Secretary  
Long Beach Airport

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